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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) WO 98/20404
- (2) JP 3045580

Documents (1) and (2) were cited in a Japanese Office Action, dated

December 6, 2005, during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to

the above U.S. application. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. §

1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a

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An English-language translation accompanies document (2). The concise

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an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed

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